

Salaries of General Trial Court Judges in the 13 Comparable States

State	Annual Salary
California Superior Court	172,000
Illinois Circuit Court	163,000
Washington Superior Court	140,979
Michigan Circuit Court	140,000
Arizona Superior Court	136,000
Washington District Court	134,233
Nevada District Court	130,000 – 159,000
Iowa District Court	129,000
Utah District Court	126,000
Minnesota District Court	125,000
Wisconsin Circuit Court	122,000
Indiana Circuit Court	120,000
Colorado District Court	119,000
Oregon Circuit Court	111,000
Idaho District Court	109,000

Prior commissions have considered data from the 13 states utilized by the Department of Personnel in its salary and benefits studies. This list has remained relatively stable over time, providing for continuity of data and decision-making. The states were selected on the basis of economic comparability with Washington and include:

- Per capita state expenditures;
- Per capita income;
- Average hourly earnings;
- Number of full-time equivalent (full-time) state employees per capita; and
- Per capita state expenditures for education.

Notes:

1. Source of data: Council of State Governments, January 2008 Survey
2. Salary shown for Washington Superior and District Court Judges is as of 9/1/07. The current (9/1/08) salary for Superior Court Judge is \$148,832 and District Court Judge is \$141,710.

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